STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES Land Division

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Board of Land and Natural Resources State of Hawaii Honolulu, Hawaii

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Approval to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Kosong Foundation to Cooperate in the Identification and Provision of Suitable Lands for the Establishment of the Michuhol Museum and International Center

BACKGROUND:

The Kosong Foundation (Foundation) is a non-profit organization established for the purpose of establishing the Michuhol Museum and International Center to promote Korean art and community activities. The Foundation has approached the State of Hawaii to work with the Foundation to identify and make available suitable land on which the museum can be built.

The State and the Foundation have engaged in preliminary discussions regarding potential sites for the Museum and what may be needed to secure any state owned site. The Foundation has asked the State to enter into a memorandum of understanding that the State would cooperate with the Foundation to identify and secure suitable lands for the museum site. A memorandum of understanding would allow the Foundation to secure international funding to assist with the planning and construction of the museum.

Because any disposition of state land would require the approval of the Board, the Foundation is asking for the Board's approval for the State to enter into the memorandum of understanding.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve the State entering into a memorandum of understanding with the Kosong Foundation to cooperate in the identification and provision of suitable land for the establishment of the Michuhol Museum and International Center, subject to review and approval of the memorandum of understanding by the Department of the Attorney General.

Respectfully Submitted,

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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

William J. Aila, Jr., Chairperson

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